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**TO:** Participating Spoken Language Interpreters

**FROM:** Todd Slettvet, MA, CPM *T.S.*  
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**SUBJECT: Upcoming Interpreter-Stakeholder Feedback Meeting – Invitation**

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) seeks to strengthen the State's relationship with interpreter-stakeholders and update Interpreter Program activities. For this purpose, DSHS is hosting a facilitated feedback session for interpreter-stakeholders. We want to listen to active interpreters' concerns, input, ideas, comments, and questions about the Spoken Language Interpreter Services Program. No decisions about the Program will be made during this session. Issues regarding unionization and labor relations will also not be addressed at this meeting. Labor relations will be addressed separately by the Office of Financial Management at another time.

The meeting is scheduled for **July 13, 2010 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm** at:

Washington State Light Industrial Park  
801 – 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Tumwater, Washington 98501  
(*locator attached*)

Because of limited meeting space, there are only 50 slots available for participation. We will attempt to include interpreters from a variety of regions and for a majority of languages needed by our clients. If you are interested in attending this feedback session, please send your name, address, phone number, and the language for which you interpret to the following email address: [Kathie.roberts@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Kathie.roberts@dshs.wa.gov). Once 50 interpreters have registered on a first come first serve basis, the registration will be closed. We will confirm your registration and send an Agenda at that time.

If you have questions or wish to provide your feedback in writing, please feel free to contact Kathie Roberts at [Kathie.roberts@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Kathie.roberts@dshs.wa.gov) or by telephone at (360)725-3808 or Elena Safariants at [Elena.safariants@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Elena.safariants@dshs.wa.gov) or by telephone at (360)725-1315.

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